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Applicants: James P. HOFFLER *et al.*
Title: SINGLE CHAIN MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY FUSION
REAGENTS THAT REGULATE TRANSCRIPTION *IN VIVO*
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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of this application, Applicants respectfully request that the Office enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 8 and 23, without prejudice or disclaimer. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121, please substitute claims 1-23 with the following, rewritten version of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

1. (Amended) A method of screening a DNA construct library for a single chain monoclonal antibody fusion reagent capable of binding a transcription associated biomolecule within a host cell, comprising:

(a) cloning a first nucleic acid fragment that codes for a DNA-binding domain peptide of a transcription activator into a first expression vector to yield a construct